

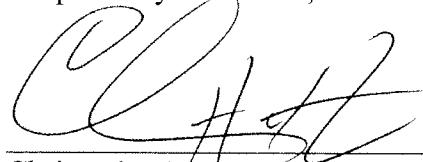
REMARKS

Entry of this Amendment prior to further examination is respectfully requested. It is submitted that this Amendment places the claims clearly in condition for allowance.

As described in Applicant's Amendment After Final dated August 15, 2006, the cited art fails to disclose or suggest an orientation device which is permanently fixed to with the first end cap, as recited in claims 1, 11 and 12. Claims 11 and 22 now recite that the orientation means "remains with the element when the filter element is removed from the housing". It is submitted this also distinguishes over the cited art.

Applicant submits that the claims should now be in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested. Again, should the Examiner believe that a telephone conversation would further this matter, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at his earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,



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